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BENTON HARBOR, MICH., SATURDAY, MAY 26, 1900.

TWO CENTS.

ON ANN ARBOR TRACK

Benton Harbor Boys Doing Proud.

Bastar Wins Semi-Final 100 Yard Dash.

Plummer and O'Hara Qualify.

By Telegraph to Evening News.

Ann Arbor, May 26.—Michigan high school athletic teams know that the Benton Harbor boys are here.

Clair Bastar has won the semi-final 100 yard dash and was second in the semi-final 220 yard dash. He qualified in the high jump at 5 feet, 2 inches.

Capt. Plummer qualified in the ball punt and shot put.

Barratt O'Hara, arrived at noon, and is entered for the one mile run. His strong suit is a half mile run, but he arrived too late for that event. Riding all night to get here, he is not expected to crowd the winner very hard. The other two boys are in their class and are expected to win laurels for themselves and their high school this afternoon.

PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR.

Asks Business Places to Close Memorial Day.

Mayor Foeltzer has issued the following proclamation:

Whereas, The thirtieth day of May has been set apart as a day on which to commemorate the deeds and achievements of, and to pay a heartfelt tribute to the deceased soldiers of our land who so freely went forth at their country's call, I respectfully request that every citizen of Benton Harbor observe the day in the usual manner, and in order that we may the better show our genuine appreciation of their heroic deeds and perpetuate them in memory. I further request that every store, office, or other place of business within said city be closed during the hours of 1 o'clock p. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on that day.

Dated, Mayor's office, May 26, 1900.

H. A. FOELTZER,

Mayor of the City of Benton Harbor.

ST. JOSEPH.

William Ricaby, the jeweler has made an assignment and A. L. Church and Guy Hollis are now taking an interest of the stock.

Willis Stephens arrived home this morning from Chicago where he has been attending school.

William Genett an old resident of St. Joseph died at his home, 106 Court Street this morning. The funeral arrangements have not as yet been made.

Tortured a Witness.

Intense suffering was endured by witness T. L. Martin, of Dixie, Ky., before he gave this evidence: "I coughed every night until my throat was nearly raw; then tried Dr. King's New Discovery which gave instant relief. I have used it in my family for four years and recommend it as the greatest remedy for Coughs, Colds and all Throat, Chest and Lung troubles. It will stop the worst cough and not only prevents but absolutely cures Consumption. Price 50¢ and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles at Lowe & Witherspoon's Drug Store.

Dr. S. M. White, dentist.

REMEMBER THAT AT Jackson's Gun Store,

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I will buy all the good second-hand breech-loading shot guns that I can get, no muzzle loaders wanted, and remember that I buy raw furs until the first of June.

Cash Paid for Old Gold and Silver.

Men's good second-hand clothing wanted. I don't buy any old trash. Good second-hand books wanted. I don't handle school books. Licensed to loan money on all kinds of personal property. Dealer in everything that shorts. Inspection invited by

CHAS. A. JACKSON.
TELEPHONE NO. 588



On May 28 there will be a total eclipse of the sun visible in many parts of the United States. The path, instead of being confined to the sparsely settled regions of the world, as it so often is, will cross the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina, and will even touch Virginia. The track of totality begins on the Pacific ocean just west of Mexico, enters the United States near New Orleans, and passes in a northeasterly direction until it reaches the sea near Norfolk and Cape Henry. Its path then crosses the Atlantic ocean and touches Portugal, Algiers and North Africa, and will terminate near the northern end of the Red sea.

GOOD WAR RECORD

Class of 1900 Fought Spain and Among Themselves.

Who was graduated president of the class of 1900 of the Benton Harbor high school last evening? Was it Maurice Sietz or was it Will Godfrey? Last evening's programs contained Godfrey's name as president, yet Sietz was given the chair of honor usually given the highest class officer. At the alumni banquet Sietz was loudly toasted as the president and the classator could not say enough in President Sietz's favor. Who was president? The public is puzzled.

The late seniors guard their closet skeleton closely and will say nothing. The brand new seniors, this year's juniors, seem to be Sietz's supporters, but why no one knows apparently.

As the diplomas were being presented last evening the juniors shouted: "Good-bye, Willie; good-bye, all. We are the bosses of the assembly room now."

It is whispered there was a world of meaning in this yell. And the public wants to know the secret.

The class has enjoyed the services of four presidents during the year. While this is not a happy record the class is not ashamed of its fighting record. When the war broke out with Spain the class, then juniors, contained 12 boys and of these eight went to the front. It is believed that no other high school or college class anywhere can show as good a war record.

The class of '00 introduced a reform that the business men of the city will always appreciate. In former years the commencement programs have been disfigured and lumbered up with advertisements of business houses to the amount of \$40 out of pocket to the merchants. This fund was used to defray the graduating incidental expenses without resorting to the program business. Other classes will follow the example.

FOR CEMENT WALKS.

City Council Will Induce Property Owners to Build Them.

The sidewalk problem for the city of Benton Harbor has puzzled Street Commissioner Shankland for a long time and he has investigated the methods employed by other cities that are up-to-date and finds that when a new walk is required it is put down of cement and the city pays for it. The property owner pays the actual cost to the city. If they care to pay for it when the work is completed they can do so, if not they can pay for it in annual installments when they pay their taxes.

In this manner the city is saved the liability of damage suits, the property owner has a walk that will last without repairs for 20 years and the first expense is only little more than an ordinary plank walk would be which would have to be repaired after the first year.

It is thought at the next meeting of the city council this matter will be taken up and something done with it.

Zula Has Returned.

Zula, the gypsy palmist and clairvoyant who was located in St. Joseph last fall, has returned to Benton Harbor and is located at Henry Noe's, corner Colfax and Oak streets, for a few days. Don't fail to see her if you are sick or in trouble, and she will guide you with a certainty higher than human power. She locates buried money, lost or stolen articles, reunites the separated, and teaches the power to control a secret you should know. Hours 9 to 9.

Chadwick & Rehm, the fashionable milliners, will hold a special sale on Saturday and Saturday.

They have a beautiful display and the ladies are cordially invited to call. 3201

MELT 20 TONS IRON DAILY

Factory That Was Secured Last Evening.

Will Be in Operation by July 10.

Good Firm for Court-right Factory.

While Rev. Frank W. Gausius was delighting a large audience at Bell's opera house last evening with his eloquence a score of men were at the board of trade rooms wrestling with a factory proposition. While the orator at Bell's was portraying the power of Puritan eloquence the men at the board of trade demonstrated the power of a small bonus to bring to Benton Harbor an industry which will give employment to 100 iron workers.

Morton E. Converse, representing a company who will engage in the manufacture of house heating boilers, registers and radiators, and that class of goods, was at the meeting. He accepted the proposition laid down by the board of trade to locate his factory here and receive \$15 per year for every man employed for five years, or in all \$75 per man. Mr. Converse had the documents to show that another Michigan city had offered him \$100 per man but he decided on Benton Harbor on account of the superior advantages of this city. He will open the Court-right factory.

The new factory will be in operation in 45 days, or about July 10 and as soon as started will give employment to 100 men. The foundry will melt up twenty tons of iron per day.

The plan of raising this bonus is to secure 100 notes of \$75 each to be paid \$15 per year for the five years. In case that the factory does not continue in business nothing will be paid.

The following committee was appointed by President Miller to solicit notes: F. F. Pratt, S. A. Bailey, P. W. Hall, C. J. Peck, Dr. John Bell, E. Brammall and A. J. Kidd.

Attorney Ellsworth was instructed to draw up the contract and the same will be executed upon the return of Mr. Converse next Tuesday.

F. R. Hale, traffic manager of the Three I, was at the meeting but was called away before he had time to present the wants of his road.

HAS CROSSED THE VAAL.

Lord Roberts Has Crossed the River Without Opposition.

By Telegraph to Evening News.

London, May 26.—It is officially announced that the force of Lord Roberts has crossed the Vaal river.

Shoes Shined Free.

Kidd & Woods, the shoemakers, have engaged the services of Robert Bushy, the shine artist and will open a shine department in their shoe store and their customers will have their shoes shined free of cost. The innovation is bound to be popular.

Lumber Office Open Evenings.

On account of a rush of business I will keep my lumber office open from 6:30 a. m. to 9 p. m. to accommodate those from a distance and myself.

41203 JAMES McDONALD.

Household goods for sale cheap Monday opposite new opera house. Ladies please call and see sample correct wai t and fitted dress lining.

Benton Harbor is for Factories First, Banquets Second.

It was the intention of the Berrien county republican league to give a banquet June 13. They secured for the occasion the Court-right factory building. Now it has been decided to postpone the banquet. This change was made necessary from the fact that the board of trade has closed the deal with the radiator and boiler manufacturers to locate their factory in the Court-right building and the work of fitting up the factory will commence at once. There is no other building in the city that would be large enough.

Against the Negro.

Richmond, Va., May 26.—Enough returns have been received from Thursday's election to show that the state has gone for a revision of the constitution by from 10,000 to 15,000. After the returns are inspected the governor may call an extra session of the legislature to provide for a convention. Almost the entire object of revision is the disfranchisement of the negro, and almost all the counties having a negro majority went against it. The vote cast was the lightest in years.

Old Settler Dead.

Sioux City, Ia., May 26.—Sioux City's first white settler, Joseph Leonais, a French-Canadian, died Friday, aged 81. He came to this section in 1852.

It Pays to Buy Shoes of Miles

Shoes for your Babies

Will cost you nothing if born in 1900. We furnish the first pair free, and after the first pair they will cost you very little if you buy your shoes of us, for we can and do save you enough on your shoes to pay for your children's (if you haven't too many).

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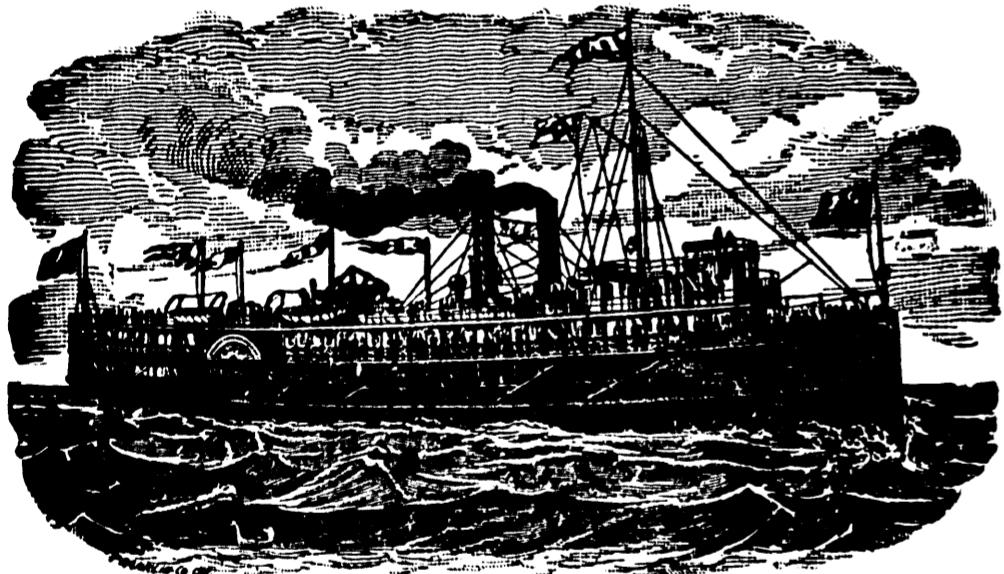
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8:30 p. m. daily.	10 p. m. daily.	4 a. m. daily.
	6 p. m. Sunday only.	10 p. m. Sunday only.
Leave Chicago	Arrive St. Joseph:	Ar. Benton Harbor:
9:30 a. m. daily.	1:30 p. m. daily.	2:30 p. m. daily.
11:30 p. m. daily.	4 a. m. daily.	6 a. m. daily.
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LAWS FOR LABOR.

Legislation Recommended by the
Industrial Commission.

SYNOPSIS OF REPORT TO CONGRESS.

Propositions on the Eight-Hour Day,
the Employment of Children
in Factories and Other Im-
portant Topics.

Washington, May 26.—The industrial
commission, in its report to congress
on labor legislation, recommends im-
proved legislation to the state legislatures
rather than to congress directly.

"The subject of greatest public interest
to-day," says the report, "is perhaps that
of the regulation of the hours of labor per-
mitted in industrial occupations and es-
pecially in factories."

As congress has no power to legis-
late directly in this matter the com-
mittee recommends that a simple
statute be enacted by all the states
regulating the length of the working
day for all persons between the ages
of 14 and 21 years who work in fac-
tories.

The report in brief says:

"The employment of children below the
age of 14 should be prohibited in factories.
The length of the working day in all public
employment should be fixed at eight
hours. The same time should be fixed for
workmen in underground mines except in
cases of emergency. Employment in mines
of children less than 14 years of age, and
all women and girls should be forbidden.
Congress might well enact that no person
under 14 should be employed as a telegraph
operator upon railroads, and that all en-
gineers and switchmen should submit to
an examination for color blindness, also
that it be made a misdemeanor for an en-
gineer or switchman to be intoxicated
while on duty. A simple and liberal law
regulating the payment of labor should be
adopted by all the states, providing that
all laborers shall be paid in cash orders
without discount, not in goods or due bills,
and that no compulsion, direct or indirect,
should be used to make them purchase
goods at any particular store."

Question of Injunction.

"The question of the enforcement of the
labor contract by injunction or contempt
in equity process is a very difficult one,
mainly made so by the abuses which have
arisen from injunctions carelessly issued.
It is suggested that it might be well to limit
punishment for contempt to imprisonment
for a brief period, but equity courts must
not be deprived of the power to protect
themselves and to make their decrees res-
pected. The practice of awarding blanket
injunctions against all the world, or against
unnamed defendants, as well as the practice
of indirectly enforcing the contract for
personal service by enjoining employees
from quitting work, should be discouraged
not only by popular sentiment, but by in-
telligent judicial opinion."

Railway Labor.

On the subject of railway labor, the com-
mission is of opinion that congress should
adopt a consistent code of law regulating
all matters concerning employment, such
as hours of labor, limitation of continuous
runs by engineers or continuous service by
telegraph operators or switchmen; the en-
actment of a consistent employers' liability
code; the liability of the employer or
corporation for defective appliances, etc.
The statutes already adopted in the sev-
eral states, discriminating as between union
and non-union labor by making it a
penal offense for an employer to exclude
union labor only, seem to the commission
to be unconstitutional, being class legis-
lation. The statute should apply to non-
union as well as union labor alike, if it is
to be enacted at all. The right to be em-
ployed and protected without belonging
to a union should be preserved; but every
facility should be given labor to organize
if it desires, and the last vestige of the
notion that trade unions are a criminal
conspiracy should be swept away. The
use of private police, detectives or other
hired bodies of men to be used in connec-
tion with labor troubles has aroused con-
siderable attention, and congress probably
has the power to enact reasonable legis-
lation to prevent abuses in this direction.

Conciliation Laws.

In a general way the commission reports
that conciliation laws have been found
effective, but that strict arbitration ma-
chinery rarely works well. It is recom-
mended that labor bureaus or commissions
be established in all the states.

Minority Report.

Commissioners E. A. Smyth and C. J.
Harris unite in a minority report, in which
they express the opinion that it would be
both unjust and impracticable to attempt
any uniform laws regulating labor in all
the states. If labor and capital are to have
their full development, they say the right
of private contract should be allowed to
both labor and employer, and therefore
the limitation of hours of labor would be
fraught with danger.

Commissioner John W. Daniel in a sepa-
rate report concurs in the spirit of the
views expressed by Commissioners Smyth
and Harris.

Senate.

Washington, May 26.—Discussion of
the Spooner Philippine bill was continued
by Senator Morgan (Ala.). On the general
question of the ownership and govern-
ment by the United States of the
Philippine islands he was in accord
with Senators Spooner and Lodge, but
he regarded the pending bill as un-
wise and dangerous legislation be-
cause of the great power it placed in
the hands of the president. He was
satisfied, however, that the measure
would not be passed by this congress
and declared that it was being used
as a foil to thrust aside the Nicaragua
canal bill. Much of his speech was
devoted to the canal bill and to de-
nunciation of the efforts to prevent
its enactment at this session.

House.

Washington, May 26.—The house
devoted two hours Friday to consider-
ation of the Alaskan civil government
bill without completing it. The ses-
sion from noon until adjournment was
devoted under the rule to private
pension bills. Mr. Talbert (S. C.),
who abandoned obstructive tactics a
few weeks ago, was again in evidence
Friday. After 190 bills had been fa-
vorably acted upon by the committee
of the whole Mr. Talbert blocked their
passage in the house with the point
of no quorum. Among the bills fa-
vorably acted upon were the senate
bills to pension the widow of the late
Capt. Gridley, who commanded the
Olympia in the battle of Manila, to
\$50 per month; the widow of the
late Commodore R. W. Meade at \$40
per month and the widow of the late
Gen. M. F. Force, of Ohio, at \$50 per
month. The latter case is a very pa-
thetic one. Gen. Force was the re-

ason in love, when alien was elected.
Subsequently he was minister to
France. Since his death Mrs. Force
has fallen into destitute circum-
stances and is now engaged in truck
farming near Cincinnati.

RANGE OF PRICES.

Dun & Co. Give Some Interesting
Statistics—Situation in
Trade Circles.

New York, May 26.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s
weekly review of trade says: "Transition
to a more natural range of prices after a
time of extraordinary buying, speculation
and rise is not wholly delightful, how-
ever needful it may be to business health.
But the gradual change this year, though
wearying, has given opportunity in various
branches to avoid losses. It is nearly six
months since the highest prices of pig
iron were reached, November 29, and of
wool, December 1, while hides reached
their maximum December 13, leather and
iron products January 10, boots and shoes
January 24, woolens February 21 and
cotton and cotton goods March 21. The tables
given by this paper have shown that the
highest point for all prices was March 16,
and after two months of slow decline the
range for all prices was 4.5 per cent.
lower May 16. But the past week has
added its full share, a fall of 4% per cent.
in cotton, 3 per cent. in pig iron, 1.5 per
cent. in iron products, 2 per cent. in hides,
2½ in boots and shoes and 3½ in leather, 3½
in petroleum, and a little in many other
products."

"The decline in cotton was rendered sensa-
tional by the failure of the firm which
had most strongly resisted it, and for some
months had led the campaign for high
prices in the belief that stocks for the rest
of this year would scarcely meet demands
with the next crop in doubt. The course of
the market for some months to come can-
not well be predicted, as provision for the
future has been made by spinners on both
sides of the ocean."

"Prices of finished products of iron and
steel have declined more than 10 per cent.
within two months, without any reduction
in rails, structural shapes or in sheets.
Doubt about sufficient supplies of steel
making iron for coming months seems the
one impediment to renewal of activity."
"Payments through clearing houses
south of the Potomac and west of the Alleghenies
have at almost every point been greater
than a year ago and the shrinkage at New York
and eastern cities is largely because heavy
financial operations connected with the creation of new
corporations are not being reported."

"Failures for the week have been 185 in
the United States, against 142 last year, and
20 in Canada, against 16 last year."

Bradt's says: "Trade is, if anything,
quieter, and prices are lower than a
week ago, while efforts toward a readjust-
ment of productive capacity to present
conditions are noted in several lines of industry,
notably iron and steel and lumber.
Crop reports are, as a whole, good, except
for wheat. As regards the latter, it may
be said that in the northwest some much
needed rains have fallen, but the claim is
made that more moisture is needed. Winter
wheat prospects in the southwest remain
good, but foreign inquiry has been
on a reduced scale. Practically the entire
corn crop has been planted under favorable
conditions and reports from the oats crop
are likewise good, but a slight shading of
quotations, due to backward export business.
Hog products are also lower, and the same
is true of cheese, petroleum, hides and
leather, copper and a number of iron and
steel products."

ENTER A PROTEST.

Japan and China Object to Inocula-
tion of Their Subjects in
San Francisco.

Washington, May 26.—Through its
charge here, Mr. Keiziro Nabeshima,
the Japanese government has joined
the Chinese government in a strong
protest against the compulsory inoculation
of Japanese and Chinese in San Francisco
with anti-plague serum. The Japanese protest is much more
energetic and forcible in terms than that
lodged by the Chinese government,
and conveys a very plain intimation
that while there could be no
objection to a general inoculation if
such was regarded as necessary to
prevent the extension of the plague,
it cannot be contemplated that any
discrimination should be practiced
against the Japanese and Chinese;
the rule must be general and include
Caucasians as well as yellow men. Unlike
the Chinese, the Japanese have a
measure of protection afforded by
their most recent treaty with the
United States, which on its face might
seem to warrant their protest against
any discriminatory treatment. The
communications have been referred
to the surgeon general of the marine
hospital service, with directions
to report the facts at once. It is under-
stood that he has telegraphed to
the officer of his service in charge of
the work of stamping out the plague
in San Francisco, and it is presumed
that the net result will be an abate-
ment of the rigors of the quarantin-
e measures now being enforced there.

THE MOTHERS' CONGRESS.

Final Adjournment Is Reached at Des
Moines—Some of the Resolu-
tions Adopted.

Des Moines, Ia., May 26.—The National
Mothers' congress adjourned Friday
evening to meet next year at some
point to be determined by the
board of managers, probably Milwaukee,
Wis., or Buffalo, N. Y. The delegates
say it has been the most suc-
cessful meeting in the history of the
organization. Resolutions were
adopted Friday morning endorsing the
movement for the establishment of
kindergartens for the colored people,
declaring for a broader education for
the deaf, dumb and blind children of
the nation, demanding better laws for
the protection of neglected, dependent
children, and denouncing the character
of much of the advertising matter
which appears in newspapers.

Methodists on Amusements.

Chicago, May 26.—The Methodist
general conference committee favors
rescinding of the penalty clause in the
paragraph censuring dancing, card
playing and theater going. This
would put into the form of advice
what is now a rule. Report will be
debated to day.

Refused Its Support.

Atlanta, Ga., May 26.—The general
assembly of the Presbyterian church
Friday declined to give its support to
woman suffrage.

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TWIN CITY TELEPHONE 172.

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1900.

MAYOR Foeltzer has asked the business houses of the city to close between certain hours on Memorial day. It is certain that the business men will comply with the request.

J. S. STEARNS has just received the endorsement of Governor Pingree, a fact which may help his chances less and harm them more. Mr. Stearns announces that if elected he will reside in Lansing, a point in his favor.

THE OAKS sticks well to its text. First it secured a cannon and now it rejoices greatly over the fact that a 90-acre onion patch has been planted on its border. The use of the cannon is to make people weep and the onion patch is a good substitute.

THE Memorial day sermon this year will be preached tomorrow afternoon at the First Methodist church by Rev. Dr. Cogshall. The sermon in honor of this day should be as faithfully attended as the address on the day of decorating the graves with flowers. Memorial day should bring with it a eulogy for the dead that is sacred.

EVERY week for some time past THE EVENING NEWS has received a copy of the Enterprise, published at Scottsville, Mason county, a village near Ludington, the home of Secretary of State Stearns. This country weekly has taken it upon itself to defeat its neighbor for the nomination of governor. The policy of the paper is said by itself to be influenced because Stearns is spending too much money in the campaign. This is probably not the true reason. One would imagine from reading the Enterprise that Stearns refused to pay its price.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, } ss
LUCA COUNTY, }

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

A. W. GLEASON,

Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo O.

Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

AT 10 CENTS
PER DAY

You Can Buy a Good Lot in Benton Harbor.

Now is the time to buy a lot cheap, and take advantage of the increase in value by the rapid growth of the city. I have 67 fine building lots south of Empire avenue, only two or three blocks from the street car line, on Union street, Bishop and Jennings avenues that I will sell for \$100, \$125 and \$150 each, on easy terms. Five dollars will secure a contract for a deed, and if desired payments of \$3 or \$5 per month until paid for. No interest if paid for within one year, on sales made during the next 30 days. This is a genuine bargain, as the land is worth this price in acre tracts. Fine shade trees in this addition. Contract for a lot now and you can soon own a fine building site. Ten cents a day does the business. Similar lots have been sold adjoining these for \$250 each. Buy a lot and I will help you build a house, when the lot is paid for.

FRANK F. PRATT,
289 Pipestone street,
Benton Harbor, Mich.

Benton Harbor Abstracts Co.
Abstracts of title, money to loan. Office, 104 Water street.

EXCURSIONS
VIA THE
PERE MARQUETTE

Grand Rapids, May 27.

Train will leave Benton Harbor at 8 a.m. Returning leave Grand Rapids at 6:30 and 11:50 p.m. Rate \$1.00. Bicycles carried free. Reeds Lake theater and other attractions open for the season.

H. F. MOELLER,
Acting G. P. A.

Grand Opening Ball.

The grand opening ball at Tatman's opera house, Eau Claire, Thursday, June 7. Music will be furnished by the Beckwith Memorial Theatre orchestra. Dance bill \$2, spectators 50 cents. Supper 75 cents per couple. D. G. Tatman and W. C. Tatman, proprietors.

12:30 p.m.

The greatest of chemists compounded the Excelsior mineral water. It cures chronic cases—ask our leading physicians.

IS MARCHING ALONG.

British Army Said to Have Resumed the Advance.

HAMILTON AND ROBERTS JOIN FORCES

News Regarding Movement of the Boers Is Very Hard to Procure
—Splendid Action by Hunter's Men.

London, May 26.—The latest intelligence from Lord Roberts' headquarters at Vrededorf station, filed Thursday, 5:45 p.m., was that the British were rapidly advancing. Gen. Hamilton had effected a junction with Lord Roberts. The country in front of them was clear of Boers to Viljoens drift. The Boers were evacuating all their positions south of the Vaal river, and 5,000 had already crossed to the north bank. Probably Gen. French's cavalry is already reconnoitering the fords of the Vaal. War office observers expect that the next dispatch from the field marshal will be dated in sight of the Transvaal frontier. Mr. Bennett Burleigh, writing to the Daily Telegraph from Vrededorf Thursday morning, said Lord Roberts would doubtless cross the Vaal river Saturday or Sunday. The British outposts were then at Erste Geluk, nine miles north of Vrededorf and 26 miles south of the Vaal river. The railway is much damaged.

Boer News Scarce.

While the British in overwhelming force are thus rapidly approaching the Transvaal, the movements of the Boers are enveloped in mystery. The last Pretoria newspaper to reach Lorenzo Marques was a week old. Everyone seeking to cross the Portuguese border from the Transvaal is searched for newspapers and letters. Dispatches and mail letters containing even harmless references to the war are suppressed; the only news that has emerged from the Transvaal during the last ten days has come by word of mouth. According to these oral reports yesterday the Boers were quarreling among themselves. Transvaal paper money was circulating at 80 per cent. discount. Becket's firm was giving one pound in gold for five pounds in paper. Krouse and Klinke, the engineers who opposed the blowing up of the mines, have been dismissed. Commandant Schutte had been appointed to defend Johannesburg, and all the British subjects had been turned out.

Sweeping the Country.

The British are sweeping the country far and wide, seizing horses, cattle and grain. Friday President Steyn was reported to be at Bethlehem with a small field force, appealing to the Free Staters to defend their freedom and independence. Apparently he and all the Free Staters he can assemble will not join the Transvaalers, but will remain in the northeastern section of the Free State.

Ready to Surrender.

Gen. Rundle's division was still at Tromsö Tuesday. There was a small Boer laager 12 miles to the north of him, and beyond this there was a larger one. The correspondent sending this news, which was wired from Winburg Friday, said that these Boers were understood to be ready to surrender and that in his opinion the war in the Free State was practically over.

FEEL THE CHANGE

Hundreds Voluntarily Endorse a Scientific Product.

▲ Statement by a Well Known Citizen Who Has Found Great Relief By Using It.

The great good that Morrow's Kid-ne-oils are doing in Benton Harbor for all kinds of kidney and urinary disorders is being daily told by our citizens. All who use Kid-ne-oils for backache, dizziness, sleeplessness, nervousness and general debility give hearty expression of the quick relief they obtained.

Mrs. F. Woodruff, 211 Territorial avenue, Benton Harbor, Michigan, says: "I have been afflicted with kidney trouble and backache for the past seven years, also swelling of the feet and limbs and extreme nervousness. Learning about Morrow's Kid-ne-oils I determined to get a package and did so and used them according to directions, and I am improving right along in every way. I have been relieved of that backache and will continue to take Kid-ne-oils until the symptoms of kidney trouble have passed away."

Morrow's Kid-ne-oils are not pills, but Yellow Tablets and sell at fifty cents a box at Lowe & Witherspoon's drug store.

Nailed on receipt of price. Manufactured by John Morrow & Co., Chemists, Springfield, Ohio.

Native Herbs

If you would feel young again try our Native Herbs. 200 day's treatment for \$1.00. They are warranted to cure all Stomach Troubles, skin diseases, and one of the best remedies kidney diseases, and is one of the best remedies for the public. They cure rheumatism, Constipation, Catarrh, Piles, Nervous Affection, Liver Complaint, Diabetes, Loss of Appetite.

We the undersigned certify that we have used our Native Herbs for several months, that they have given perfect satisfaction and we give our recommendation to all sufferers: Mrs. Geo. W. Platt, Mrs. W. P. Robbins, Mrs. A. Plummer, Mrs. L. P. Conkey, Mrs. W. I. Leasy, Mrs. A. Foster, Mrs. L. Underhill.

Those wishing Native Herbs can get them at A. D. Hunt's grocery store, 120 Main street, Benton Harbor, or will be mailed to any part of Berrien county on receipt of \$1.00.

Mrs. H. A. Moshier, Agt., Berrien, Mich.

...ENDERS & YOUNG CO...

The Big Department Store.

Great Distribution of Footwear:

Prices with the bottom knocked out. The shoes you want we have—either they'll wear longer than other shoes, or they'll leave more dollars in your pocket to buy a new pair when they do wear out. Our motto has always been: "Very little profit on good shoes." Here we quote the following prices:

Men's solid Oil Grain Work Shoes at.....	\$1.00	Youth's bicycle shoes, black colt skin, ex. quality at.....	1.25	Men's French calf bals, all sizes, new toe and new tip, formerly sold for \$2.75, at.....	2.00
Men's solid never rip, good work shoe at.....	1.25	Youth's Outing or Vacation shoes, cloth top, good rubber sole, they sold for 95c, at.....	75c	Child's solid kangaroo calf, extra weight and value, sizes 6 to 9, sold for \$1 at.....	67c
Men's dark Russia bals, fancy cloth top, were \$2.75 at.....	2.00	Child's dongola kid, 8½ to 11, were \$1.25, at.....	87c	Child's fancy vesting top, Vici, were \$1.75, at.....	1.00
Men's dark Russia bicycle bals, elk sole, were \$2.75. at.....	1.95	Misses' dong. kid, button and lace, were \$1.75 at.....	98c	Misses' dong. kid, button and lace, were \$2.25, at.....	1.25
Men's black colt skin bicycle bals, corrugated sole, they formerly sold for \$2.25.....	1.50	Ladies' vici kid, lace and button, all sizes, were \$2.25, at.....	1.25	Ladies' vici kid lace vesting top, all sizes, formerly sold for \$2.50 and \$5.00.....	1.00
Men's dress shoe, lace and congress, hub gore, a special drive, worth \$2.00, at.....	1.25	Boys' Outing or Vacation Shoes, cloth tops, rubber sole, sizes 1½ to 5 were \$1.25.....	95c	Ladies' common sense vici kid were \$3.50 at.....	2.50
Men's dress shoe, lace and congress, a little better quality and well worth \$2.50, at.....	1.50	Ladies' Dong. Julia Marlowe lace easy fitters, were \$3.50, at.....	2.75		



And many other lines reduced proportionally. Large assortment of boys' shoes. The good, strong sturdy sort that is not only dressy but of good, solid stock that will wear and give satisfaction.

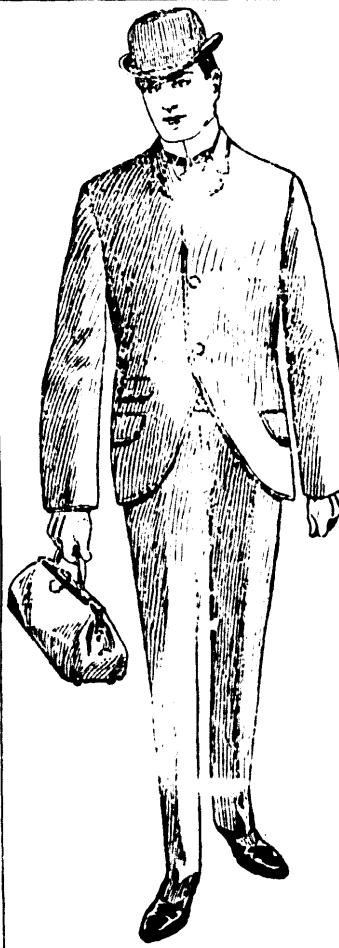
We fit the hard to fit,

We please the hard to please.

Let us fit you out in shoes this season. We know it will be to your advantage. □ Please call.

THE BIG SHOE DEPARTMENT.

MONEY WELL SPENT:



Is the verdict of those who have bought our \$10 and \$12 men's suits. They are exceptionally strong values. Some might say they were \$15 and \$18 suits but we are careful not to misrepresent or make claims that we cannot fulfill. If we do, we ask you to help us by fair minded fault finding. The little boys' soft shirts, sizes five to eight, just like their papa wears, at 50c each. The stiff bosoms, with laundered cuffs, both white and colored, at 75c each. Men's fancy hose at 25c and 50c, a beautiful line. Men's fine percale shirts with 2 collars and cuffs at 50c. Men's fine suspenders, 40c values, beautiful patterns at 25c. Men's black and tan hose all sizes, double heel and sole, 10c. 3 for 25c Men's shirts, the new stripes in blue, pink, etc., at \$1 and \$1.50. Men's leather belts, the new things, all colors and sizes, the best line in the city at 25, 50 and \$1 each.

Boys' and children's caps, large and beautiful assortment, also men's, boys' and children's straw hats, neckwear, underwear and everything to be found in a first class furnishing department.



MILLINERY DEPARTMENT.

The Big Department Store.

Paris Model. Hats at a great reduction. All the fine French trimmed hats that brought so much style and beauty are now to be distributed quickly to those who will enjoy wearing them while wearing time is still ahead. All are beautiful patterns, the shapes, the material, the styles are of the highest character. We offer at the same time quite a number of trimmed hats from our own workrooms which we wish to close out quickly. Various tempting prices. Then we have several lots of sailors and walking hats that we are selling fast at a price.

DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT.

ALWAYS BUSY. Why? Because we have the right goods at the RIGHT PRICES and try to please our customers.

Bought that Carpet Yet?

We have a few rolls of best all wool carpet, regular price 65c, to close at 50c a yard.

25 rolls China matting, just received, at 15c a yard.

Dimities--Imported Goods

This is an opportunity we have been looking for. Just purchased about 100 pieces of wash goods at a big reduction in prices and give our customers the benefit.

25 pieces Imported Dimities, regular price 30 to 35c, at 22c a yard.

A few pieces of printed and dotted dimities (fine goods) could not be bought early in season for less than 60c, on sale at 48c a yard.

Pulley Belts

That are so popular. A new line at 25, 50 and up to \$1.

Some New Handsome Shirt Waists

White Waists are very Stylish.

Our new handkerchief White Waists are beauties, with soft cuffs at \$2.50, \$3 and up to \$4. White Waists at \$1, \$1.50 and \$2.

A new line of colored shirt waists with soft cuffs and new fronts at \$1.50 and \$2.

Saturday Only

We will place on sale:

2,000 yds Brown Cotton, 36 in. at 5c a yd. This is for Saturday only. Monday goes back to 7c, regular price—just an ad.

1 case Challies at 4c a yard.

1 case Staple ginghams, best, 5c per yd.

1,000 yds. Torchoin lace, from 1 to 4 in. wide at 5c. a yd. We want your trade and will make you prices, and at the same time guarantee the goods just as represented or money refunded.

If You Want

the best work and prompt service send your laundry work to the

Enterprise..

We have the best skilled help and up-to-date machinery for all kinds of laundry work. High gloss and domestic finish as you desire. We use the best supplies that can be bought.

Our laundry and work is open for inspection at all times.

Special rates on family washings and flat work. Give us a trial and be convinced.

Enterprise Laundry,
E. White, Prop.<br

BENTON HARBOR SHORT ITEMS

DATES TO RESERVE.

May 25—High school commencement at the Bell.
May 27—\$1 excursion to Grand Rapids.
May 30—Memorial day.
June 12—Republican county convention at Niles. Will elect delegates to state nominating convention.
June 14—Republican congressional convention at Bell opera house.

IN LOCAL BUSINESS CIRCLES.

Ladies with little hair can buy during the next 30 days, \$3.50 switches for \$2. Madame DeCarter, 306 State street. Twin City 'phone 319. Over Rimes & Hildebrand's store. 187uf

"After suffering from piles for fifteen years I was cured by using two boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve," writes W. J. Baxter, North Brook, N. C. It heals everything. Beware of counterfeits. Dr. Geo. M. Bell & Co.

The easiest and most effective method of purifying the blood and invigorating the system is to take DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous Little pills for cleansing the liver and bowels. Dr. Geo. M. Bell & Co.

Has Opened New Parlors.

Miss Kate Segar has opened up hair dressing and manicuring parlors in rooms 6 and 7, Conkey block. Miss Segar has taken a complete course in massage from Boston specialist and her work is spoken of in the best of terms by the ladies of the twin cities.

Wanted—Immediately, 100 cases of spring fever at the Excelsior Mineral baths, 155 to 165 East Main street.

Ask Prof. Snyder, Calvin Gray, Mrs. Cary, Mrs. F. B. Christopher or Mrs. J. H. Graham about J. P. Hamilton, the blind piano tuner, and then send and get him to do your work. Tel. phone 363, Twin City 'phone 442, St. Joseph.

J. C. Kennedy, Roanoke, Tenn., says, "I cannot say too much for DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. One box of it cured what the doctors called an incurable ulcer on my jaw." Cures piles and all skin diseases. Look out for worthless imitations. Dr. Geo. M. Bell & Co.

Wanted—Immediately, 100 cases of spring fever at the Excelsior Mineral baths, 155 to 165 East Main street.

If you have a house to rent or want your buildings, merchandise or furniture insured, telephone Hubbard & Van Horn, No. 195 postoffice block. 121uf

"DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the finest pills I ever used."—D. J. Moore, Millbrook, Ala. They quickly cure all liver and bowel troubles. Dr. Geo. M. Bell & Co.

"I had stomach trouble twenty years and gave up hope of being cured till I began to use Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It has done me so much good I call it the savior of my life," writes W. R. Wilson, Albany, Tenn. It digests what you eat. Dr. Geo. M. Bell & Co.

Fruit Growers, Attention.

The Indiana, Illinois & Iowa R. R. Co. will sell on certain dates excursion tickets to points in the west, south and southwest, both far and near, and a few dollars invested may result in your finding better market for your fruit and increased profits. Ask any agent for particulars or address

FRANK R. HALE,
Traffic Manager, St. Joseph, Mich.

BIG FOUR EXCURSIONS.

North Manchester, Ind., one fare for round trip. Tickets sold May 31 to June 8. Good returning June 10. By payment of 50 cents ticket will be extended to July 1.

L. G. SMITH, Ag. ent.

Wisconsin Central Railway.

Trains now leave Chicago from Central Station, Park Row and 12th Street, Lake Front, connecting with C. & W. M. and Michigan Central trains, for St. Paul, Minneapolis, Ashland, Duluth and the Northwest. Nearest ticket agent can give you further information.

JAS. C. POND, G. P. A.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Wanted—Immediately, 100 cases of spring fever at the Excelsior Mineral baths, 155 to 165 East Main street.

EXCURSION RATES

For Decoration Day, via Vandalia Line. Account Decoration Day the Vandalia Line will sell round trip excursion tickets to points within one hundred and fifty miles of starting point at one and one-third fares. Tickets sold May 29th and 30th, return limit including May 31st, 1900. Inquire of nearest Vandalia Line ticket agent for particulars, or address

E. A. FORD,
General Passenger Agent,
St. Louis, Mo.

The Best People in the Twin Cities

Are selecting lots in Higman's Michigan Park and will erect fine residences thereon. There are but a limited number of Lake Front Lots overlooking lake, cities and rivers. They cannot be duplicated and will rapidly enhance in value. As population increases the best residences will be in this natural park fanned by lake breezes and free from smoke. Our deeds prohibit liquor, also stables and all kinds of business on the high table land. Choice locations at present prices will not again prevail. Investigate and you will be interested.

HIGMAN REALTY Co., Benton Harbor
or JOHN HIGMAN, St. Joseph.

SYLVESTER Rittenhouse is very sick with scarlet fever.

GEORGE Closson has sold his home on Morton Hill to Frank Humphrey.

The W. C. T. U. will meet next Monday with Mrs. Roome, 118 Colfax Avenue.

There will be preaching at the Fair Plain school house Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The pupils of Miss Foltz will give a recital at her studio at 710 Main street, St. Joseph, next Tuesday evening, May 29.

A HOBO begging on the streets today was gathered in by Officer O'Brian and is now awaiting his examination in the city jail.

ATTORNEY Gore, who has just returned from Washington, thinks that the prospects for opening the Paw Paw to navigation are bright.

MILO Jennings, the owner of the well known Highland fruit farm, estimates that he will have 20,000 bushels of peaches in his orchards this year.

ON and after next Monday, May 28, the steamer Frank Woods of the Home line, will make daily trips from this port to Chicago.

J. E. RICE, 156 Pipestone street, presents a new advertisement today, calling attention to his elegant and up-to-date line of wall paper.

THE ladies of the G. A. R. will meet at Mrs. C. H. Godfrey's tomorrow at 2 p. m., to attend the Memorial service at the Methodist church.

THE paving work is progressing rapidly and quite a stretch of street will be finished by tonight. It is not likely that a block of the street will be opened to travel before Monday.

THE Pere Marquette road will run an excursion to Grand Rapids tomorrow which will no doubt be largely patronized. The Big Four will bring in an excursion of eight coaches from Indiana.

A TELEGRAM was received last night from Miss Elizabeth Schermerhorn, congratulating the class of 1900. Miss Schermerhorn is one of the high school instructors but could not remain for the commencement.

CAPT. James McDonald has sold a complete bill of lumber to Captain Stoll, of Mexico, for a residence near LL gap. This gentleman has bought property near Higman's park and will build a fine summer home.

THE Wolverine Sugar company received word from an Indiana farmer last Tuesday that 40 acres of sugar beets which he had planted had been killed by the frost, but that he would at once replant.

DEPUTY Sheriff Lynn Ferguson left this morning with Whitford who was sentenced to serve seven months at Ionia. Sheriff Ferguson left this morning for Marquette with William Hays who was sentenced to serve eight years.

REV. E. A. Hoffman, pastor of the Presbyter church, will deliver the Memorial day address at Coloma. This makes the fourth address on that day to be given by Benton Harbor speakers.

CAPT. James McDonald is seeking after the wealth that moth and rust can devour. From this he announces that he will open his lumber office at 6:30 in the morning and keep it open until 9 in the evening.

THE Sorter's Corners school closed a successful year yesterday and the day was celebrated with a basket picnic. The parents of the children were present and a good time was had. Miss Margaret Storms of this city has been the teacher and has given excellent satisfaction.

GEORGE B. Tatman and wife yesterday sold their 15 acre farm on Fair avenue to Mrs. Warren Carroll and Mrs. Frank Worth for \$7,000. The sale was made through the agency of Antiside & Loomis. The farm is all set out to peaches and is one of the finest near the city.

MRS. Peter Smith of Bainbridge, died at her home Thursday, May 24, at the age of 65 years. She leaves a husband and three children, Mrs. Kreiger, Charles and Albert Smith of St. Joseph. The funeral will be held Sunday morning, May 27, at 10 o'clock from the Lutheran church, Bainbridge.

THE first home grown strawberries of the season came into market yesterday afternoon. They were grown by Adam Kreiger of Bainbridge and sold for \$2 per crate. With this warm weather it is expected that there will be quite a shipment of home grown berries on Monday night.

A MR. Dunham, living two and one-half miles north of the city was seriously hurt this morning. He was plowing when the horses became frightened and he was dragged under the plow cutting and bruising him severely.

THE board of education paid Rev. Frank W. Ganssels \$100 for his address last evening and the receipts from admissions paid the expenses of the speaker and for the rent of the auditorium. This is all the board wanted to do.

THE West Michigan bankers association held a meeting at Ludington yesterday and there were twenty-five bankers present. Press reports say that the feature of the meeting was a clever paper read by Frank Welton of Traverse City, formerly of Benton

"A Stitch in Time Saves Nine."

A broken stitch, like the "little rift within the lute," is the beginning of trouble.

"I am tired, not ill."

"It will soon pass away." "I don't believe in medicine." These are the broken stitches that lead to serious illness. Nature is wise and in Hood's Sarsaparilla she has furnished the means to take up broken stitches. Why? Because it starts at the root and cleanses the blood.

Bad Blood—"For years I was troubled with my blood, my face was pale, I never felt well. Three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla made me feel better and gave me a healthy color." Mac Cross, 24 Cedar Ave., South, Minneapolis, Minn.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Never Disappoints

Hood's Pills cure liver ills; the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Harbor, on "The Possibilities in Bank Co-Operation."

NEXT Wednesday the high school and alumni baseball nines will play a game at the Eastman Spring park. The game will be called at 2 o'clock and before the game Dr. Watson and A. E. McAnley will run a race for the heavyweight championship of Benton Harbor and Clayton Niles and Clair Baster will also run 100 yards.

THE CHURCHES

Subjects to Be Discussed From City Pulpits Tomorrow.

HOLY TRINITY.—Rev. Frederic Welham, rector, Pipestone street, near Maple; telephone 10-4410. Morning service at 10:30 a. m.; service at noon; service and sermon at 8:30 p. m. Everly, prayer and sermon. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Week days: Celebration of the Holy Communion on Saturdays at 9:30 a. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—Corner Pipestone and Church streets, Rev. C. E. Maxfield, pastor, Residence 191 Broadway, Preaching at 10:30 a. m. Rev. M. C. MacNaull of Chicago will occupy the pulpit in the morning. No evening service.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH—Rev. A. K. Beem, pastor; address 181 Lake avenue. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. Morning service at 10:30 a. m.; service at noon; service and sermon at 8:30 p. m. W. C. T. U. will attend the service in a body. The Y. P. C. U. will meet at 6:30 p. m. Miss Hedges of St. Joseph will lead the meeting. Subject, "Loyalty to Our Country."

FIRST M. E. CHURCH—Rev. W. J. Cogshall, pastor. Class meeting at 9:30 a. m. Pulpit service at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Junior league at 3:00 p. m. Epworth league at 8:15 p. m. At 2:30 p. m. the pastor will preach at the annual memorial service for the Grand Army of the Republic and allied organizations. On account of this afternoon meeting there will be no evening service tomorrow.

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH—Rev. Fr. Mulcahy, pastor. Services tomorrow at 8 and 10:30 a. m. Vespers at 7:00 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Rev. J. A. Hoffman, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 and 7:30. Sunday school at noon. Young people's meeting at 6:30.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—Rev. W. J. Cady, Pastor. Preaching at 10:30 and 7:30. Rev. W. H. Warren of Lansing will preach morning and evening.

Y. M. C. A.—Rev. James Hamilton of the M. E. church of St. Joseph, will address the men's meeting tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A. M. E. CHURCH—Rev. J. W. Saunders, pastor. Preaching at 10:30. Subject, "The Inquiring Greeks." 7:30 p. m. subject, "Carnal and Spiritual mind contrasted." The rite of baptism will be administered after morning service. Sunday school at 12:30 p. m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH—Rev. J. W. Taylor, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. All members are requested to attend, as delegates to the district annual missionary convention will be chosen. The convention will be held at Buchanan June 4-5. There will be no preaching at night.

Position Occupied by the Clubs in the Struggle for Championship Honors—Recent Games.

The standing of the clubs of the leading baseball organizations is shown by the following tables: National league:

Clubs	Won	Lost	Per cent
Philadelphia	18	9	.647
Brooklyn	17	11	.592
Chicago	16	13	.552
St. Louis	15	13	.532
Pittsburgh	16	14	.532
Cincinnati	12	14	.451
N. Y. N.	8	17	.329
Boston	7	18	.290

American league:

Clubs	Won	Lost	Per cent
Indianapolis	17	8	.650
Milwaukee	16	12	.551
Chicago	17	13	.557
Cleveland	13	17	.441
Minneapolis	11	16	.417
Kansas City	14	17	.432
Buffalo	11	16	.407
Detroit	11	17	.407

National league games on Friday: At Chicago—Brooklyn, 12, 14, 1; Chicago, 3, 8, 4. At Pittsburgh—New York, 4, 9, 2; Pittsburgh, 3, 6, 9. At St. Louis—Philadelphia, 1, 2; Atlanta, 1, 3; Cincinnati, 2, 6, 3; Boston, 1, 7, 6; Baltimore, 1, 2, 3. At Cleveland—Chicago, 8, 11, 3; Cleveland, 4, 7, 4. At Detroit—Detroit, 5, 6, 1; Milwaukee, 2, 7, 3.

American league: At Buffalo—Kansas City, 4, 11, 2; Buffalo, 4, 10, 2; Cleveland—Chicago, 8, 10, 3; Columbus, 5, 7, 2. At Worcester—Woburn, 7, 11, 5; Worcester, 6, 9, 1; At Fort Wayne—Dayton, 11, 14, 2; Fort Wayne, 6, 14, 4.

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CHAPTER XI.

A RECONSTRUCTED DRAMA.
As he spoke, Sturgis handed Dunlap the sheet of paper upon which he had traced a plan of the Knickerbocker bank.

"From this point on," he continued, "I have indicated the various trails on the diagram. The dotted lines represent Arbogast's footprints; the continuous lines show Chatham's trail."

"How can you distinguish between the two?" inquired Dunlap.

"There is no difficulty about that," replied Sturgis. "The differences are very marked. I know Arbogast's foot because I have seen it; and I know that the other one is Chatham's because you recognized the man from the description I gave of him."

"Yes, I know. But how could you describe him so accurately when you have never seen him?"

"I shall come to that presently," said Sturgis, smiling; "you must let me tell my story in my own way, if I am to tell it connectedly."

"Very well," said the banker, resignedly. "Hold on, though," he exclaimed; "you speak of two sets of trails; but what is this third set of lines, marked by alternate dots and dashes?"

"They represent the traces of a third individual, who will appear upon the scene later on. He has not yet received his cue. But, since you mention him, we may put him down in the cast as 'X' the unknown quantity of the problem; for I do not yet know his name. Now, then; let me see. Where was I? Your interruption has made me lose the thread. Oh, yes; the men were in this room. Arbogast, nervous and excited, paced back and forth, like a caged animal. Chatham was more collected. It was warm in the bank, as compared with the intense cold outside; he removed his overcoat and threw it over the back of that chair in the corner. This fact is shown by the direction of the footstep toward the chair, and by a mark directly below the arm of the chair where the garment trailed upon the wet floor. Chatham's carelessness was fraught with serious consequences; for, as luck would have it, there was, in one of the pockets of his coat, an important letter, which slipped out and fell upon the floor superscription uppermost. Here is the envelope itself, which I have pieced together. You will see that it is soiled only upon the back, and here near the chair is the faint oblong mark which is left upon the floor. Chatham went to the telephone in the cashier's office. He probably did not see the letter fall. It caught Arbogast's eye, however; and you can imagine his surprise when he saw that it was addressed to his wife. What had his accomplice to write to his wife? Arbogast evidently was not restrained by any feelings of delicacy in the matter, or else he was already suspicious of Chatham; for he picked up the envelope, tore it open and read the letter which lies before you, as I have pieced it together. It makes interesting reading. I do not wonder that Arbogast lost his head when he saw it. Read it for yourself."

"Why," exclaimed Dunlap, after reading the letter, "this announces his intention of committing suicide."

Precisely; and yet Arbogast did not commit suicide; probably never had any intention of doing so; and, at any rate, did not write that letter. You will observe that it is not signed; the name is typewritten, like the rest of the letter, which, moreover, was not written here, as the superscription would seem to indicate. I have tried your typewriter, and although it is of the same make as the one upon which this letter was written, there are several characteristic differences in the alignment and in the imperfections of the type.

"Besides," continued Sturgis, thoughtfully, "the letter itself bears evidence, on its face, that it could not have been written by Arbogast. Your bookkeeper was of a weak, nervous, excitable temperament, as all his actions plainly show. Before such a man is brought to the point of taking his own life, he must have passed through a more or less protracted period of agonizing nervous tension, of which you and I can hardly form any adequate conception. Under the circumstances, if he loved his wife, conscious that by his guilt he was about to plunge her into the depths of grief and shame, he might have written her an incoherent and hysterical letter, or a tender and repentant letter, but never this frigid, matter-of-fact statement of a supreme decision. This letter is the work of a cold and calculating nature, incapable of ordinary human feeling. The man who wrote it would not have written to his wife at all, or would have written only to serve some selfish purpose. From what I know of Arbogast, I do not believe he was capable of composing these lines."

"You think, then, that the letter was written by Chatham," said Dunlap. "But what object could Chatham have for writing such a letter?"

"No," answered Sturgis. "I do not think that Chatham wrote this letter."

That is the curious part of it. I cannot believe that if Chatham had been aware of the important nature of its contents, he could have been willing to leave it for an instant within Arbogast's reach."

"But who, then, could have been its author, and why should he have inserted the letter to Chatham?"

"To your second question, my answer is, probably because he wanted it mailed from the main post office at about the time that Arbogast would leave the bank. To the first, I cannot yet give any positive answer, although, as you will presently see, there are some clews pointing to our unknown quantity 'X' as the author of this letter. But let us not anticipate. Suppose we return to our drama. When Arbogast read this letter, he evidently thought, as I do, that somebody was playing him false; that he was to be gotten rid of in some safer way than exile; in short, that, as somebody said of one of the Turkish sultans, he was to be 'suicided.' He must have had strong reasons to suspect Chatham of treachery; for he at once impulsively jumped to the conclusion that his only chance of safety lay in striking before he could be struck. At any rate, while the accountant was busy at the telephone, Arbogast stood near this desk, mechanically tearing to pieces this letter, while he planned the accountant's death. He had taken with him your revolver. As the thought of it flashed upon his mind, his resolution was instantly taken. He stealthily crept to the paying teller's wicket. Through it he could see the telephone closet, the door of which stood open. Chatham was in direct range, as Arbogast raised the pistol, and, without a word of warning, fired. The accountant held the receiver of the telephone to his ear. This saved his life; for the bullet entered his left hand and remained embedded in his flesh. When the bullet struck him, Chatham fell forward, striking his head against a corner of the telephone box, and inflicting a slight scalp wound. I found a few hairs of an intensely red hue, which are evidently his. I also found shreds of his clothing which caught on a projecting nail as he fell; and I infer from these his taste for loud dress. He recovered himself before Arbogast was ready to fire a second time and ran into the clerk's room, probably hoping to make his way to the street through the Exchange Place door. But at the same time, Arbogast rushed through the reception room and this office, reaching the vestibule in time to head off Chatham, who then turned back and ran through the secretary's room, with Arbogast in pursuit. In the meantime 'X,' to whom I have already alluded, was waiting in Exchange place, where Chatham had a cab. Upon hearing the pistol shot he went to the accountant's assistance. He passed into this office, which he probably reached in time to see Chatham rush in from the secretary's room, closely followed by Arbogast. 'X' seized that chair over there in the corner and sprang between the hunted man and his pursuer as the latter raised his arm to fire. Our anonymous friend is probably a man of great strength; for with one blow of the chair he broke the bookkeeper's wrist. The hammer fell, but the weapon was deflected and the bullet, instead of reaching its intended victim, passed through the upper lobe of Arbogast's left lung and out at the back at an angle of about 60 degrees. The bookkeeper was standing not far from the mantelpiece yonder. Do you see that broad black line on the hearth? That was made by the bullet. Its direction and the angle enabled me at once to see that it must have ricocheted into the fireplace; and there, sure enough, I found it in the soot in the bend of the chimney. Here it is."

Dunlap had listened to this narrative with evident interest. But now, recovering from the spell of Sturgis' persuasive conviction, his skepticism reigned the ascendancy for a moment.

"Mr. Sturgis, you have missed your vocation," he said, laughing good naturedly; "you ought to have been a playwright. You have a most convincing way of presenting both your facts and your theories. While you are speaking, one is ready to admit the plausibility of every statement you make. But now that you have finished, I have become a hard-headed banker once more, and I beg to submit one or two facts—since we are seeking facts—which it seems to me are enough to demolish all your elaborate structure."

"Go on," said Sturgis; "it goes without saying that any theory is worthless unless it takes into account and explains every existing fact. If there are any in this case which have escaped me—a contingency which is quite possible, for I have no pretension to infallibility—I shall be glad to hear about them; and, naturally, if my conclusions do not tally with the facts, the conclusions must be altered, since facts are absolute."

"Well, then," said Dunlap, "assuming, for the sake of the argument,



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SOCIETY AND PERSONAL

Miss Grace Geer is visiting friends in Chicago.

Dr. Bastar returned from Chicago last night.

Miss Alice Smith, of Bridgeman, is in the city today.

Jesse Slater of Chicago is in the city visiting his father.

Mr. Smith, of the firm of Sprague, Smith & Co., of Chicago, is in the city.

Rev. Frank W. Gunsaulus thinks of spending the summer near Benton Harbor.

Mrs. M. D. Lowry, of Elkhart, is in the city to spend Sunday with her son, Dr. T. A. Lowry.

C. C. Williams is steadily improving and there is every reason to hope for his speedy recovery.

Mrs. Will Chapman and children are visiting relatives and friends at Shelbyville, Ind.

Milton Preston, one of the stockholders of the West Michigan nurseries, is in the city today.

Capt. J. H. Lee has returned from the general assembly of the Presbyterian church held at St. Louis.

Mr. Cooper of South Bend and George Stough of Elkhart, are in the city visiting Mr. Brown and family.

Will Haydon will spend Sunday in Grand Rapids. His wife, who has been visiting there, will return with him.

Mrs. Susie Kelley and Mrs. Mull have resigned their positions in the millinery department of the Enders & Young department store.

Dr. Herring and son Fred, go to Goshen, Indiana, today to visit Mrs. Herring who has just returned from the Battle Creek sanitarium.

Lew Cunningham has resigned his position with the Wolverine Sugar company to accept the position of assistant dock foreman for the Three-I company in St. Joseph.

Rev. Frank W. Gunsaulus and Rev. E. A. Hoffman were once members of the same Congregational association in Ohio. Last evening Mr. Gunsaulus recognized his old friend after a separation of years.

Miss Etta Boughton has resigned her position with the Phoenix accident and sick benefit association to accept the position of bookkeeper for C. J. Peck & Co. Miss James, who has been with C. J. Peck & Co., has accepted a position with the Hopper-Morgan company. The change will be made June 15.

The Chautauqua alumni held the last meeting of the year with Mrs. C. K. Hendricks, Brunson avenue, yesterday afternoon. The program was short but the character sketches were exceptionally fine. The remainder of the afternoon was spent socially. Miss Luckey, of New York, a friend of Mrs. Lord's, favored the club with two beautiful readings and Mrs. Rector's banjo club furnished delightful music. The hostess then served an elaborate luncheon, which was a surprise to the ladies. The club parted with regret, feeling well satisfied with the year's work and looking forward to next year with pleasant anticipation.

The Osoli club held the last meeting of the season at the home of Mrs. H. D. Poole. The program was one of the most interesting and entertaining of the year, the following papers were read:

Gilbert Parker, his style and rank, Mrs. J. F. Harper.

Compare the three lovers of Gilda, Mrs. S. C. Sharpe.

Points of interest on Jersey Isle, Mrs. F. B. Christopher.

Discussion: Would love have made Gilda the woman sorrow and disappointment did?

The music for the afternoon was exceptionally fine, as follows: Violin solo, Miss Morehouse; piano solo, Miss Lucy VanHorn; vocal solo, Miss Edmunds.

Miss Mary Allen entertained several of her little friends yesterday afternoon in honor of her birthday. A nice supper was served for them and a general good time was enjoyed. Mary was the recipient of many lovely gifts.

A Keen Clear Brain.

Your best feelings, your social position or business success depend largely on the perfect action of your Stomach and Liver. Dr. King's New Life Pills give increased strength, keen, clear brain, high ambition. A 25 cent box will make you feel like a new being. Sold by Lowe & Witherspoon, Drug-gists.

The gas company are offering to place a stove on trial and if it does not do what they claim the stove may be returned. In this way they have placed thirty stoves this season, no risk being carried by the customer.

Wanted—immediately, 100 cases of soap, for at the Excelsior Mineral baths, 155 to 65 East Main street.

Notice to Contractors.

Office of the city clerk, Benton Harbor, Mich., May 17, 1900.

Sealed bids for furnishing all the material and doing all the work of putting in a water supply system at Crystal Springs cemetery, Benton Harbor, Mich., will be received at this office until 5 o'clock p. m., May 29, 1900. Specifications and plans of the work are on file with the city clerk. The contract will include a filter gallery, 50 feet of six-inch vitrified tile connecting gallery with well; a pump well; wooden frame building on masonry foundation; pump & machinery, consisting of a triple power pump directly connected to a gasoline engine; a gasoline storage tank 100 feet from building; a distributing system of 1,540 feet of cast and wrought iron pipe. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for \$100 as a guarantee of good faith. The board of cemetery trustees reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

R. P. CHADDOCK,
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No medicine in the world is equal to

treatment at the Excelsior Mineral baths, East Main street, for sick head-ache, numbness, loss of appetite, cold feet and hands, pains and irregularities such as women suffer. Hundreds now know it.

"HY, Mr. Browning, you at anything so gay as a charity ball?"

"And you, my dear Miss Erickson, at anything so dismal?" Mr. Browning replied.

The girl laughed and shook out the folds of her misty pink dancing skirt, with its ruffles and lace.

"I have just one dance left, a schottische. Shall it be for you?" she said.

"If you will so honor me. But as I can't dance anything but the waltz, I am going to ask you to come with me to that little alcove retreat over there, where we can talk and watch the figures."

For answer Mildred Erickson laid her gloved fingers on his arm and raised her brown eyes to his face as they walked away from the group of dancers now forming for the schottische.

The little alcove retreat was at one end of the long ballroom and was massed with cut flowers and ferns. Mildred threw her huge bouquet of bridesmaids' roses, her fan and lace handkerchief down beside her and took up two-thirds of the divan with her full skirts. Browning sank back luxuriously in the silken cushions at her side.

For Browning it was unexpected, yes, seemingly undeserved bliss, to be permitted to sit out this dance with the fair creature at his side. He had lost track of the years in which he had worshipped her from afar, and he expected to continue the same thing indefinitely.

"Everyone seems to be here to-night," she said.

"Yes. Even I."

"There is Maud Jones, now, in that pale blue chiffon. Do you know she is to be married next week to Jack Marshall?"

"She? This is only her second season, isn't it?"

"Second! No, only her first," Mildred said, with a laugh and shrug of her plump white shoulders.

"Her first? You are more sensible, Miss Erickson. Why, this is your tenth season. Don't you remember I was at your coming out tea?"

"Yes, and you were old then—28; just my age now." She picked up her bouquet and buried her face in the fresh pink blossoms. "And you were in white and carried pink roses, just like those, Mildred."

"But not so large a bunch," and she began pulling the flowers out and tearing off the petals, while Browning watched her color come and go.

"And I sent them."

"And you sent them."

Browning shifted his position slightly.

"I wonder what Marshall wants to marry that little Miss Jones for?" he said.

"As she is not an heiress, he probably thinks he loves her. I hope it does not worry you, Mr. Browning?"

"Me? Not at all. I suppose you've often wondered, why I've never married."

Mildred's cheeks assumed the hue of her roses.

"If? Not at all. Rather, I should wonder if you did get married. I am so used to you single, you know."

"And I should wonder at it, too. I like women. They are beautiful creatures, to be admired, adored and idealized, but kept at a distance if a man wants to retain his peace of mind. Don't you think so, Miss Erickson?"

"Can Mr. Browning be wrong?"

"Thank you. Now, suppose I had married when I was, say, 28. Ten years ago. I'd have a wife who never thought of me or my home, but always of her own personality and social engagements. My home would be no home at all, because I should expect things of her which she would never do."

Miss Erickson was unconsciously pulling the flowers to pieces and watching Mr. Browning with studied courtesy.

Browning continued: "As it is, I have my bachelor flat, in which I am king. My servants, whom no one ever interferes with. I go and come when I please, to the club, to the opera, to dinners or to Europe. My horses and carriages are mine, and no one ever complains of them. My house is solitude itself unless I wish to make it noisy. Don't you think I'm a sensible man?"

"It really had never occurred to me, Mr. Browning," Mildred said, laughing slightly. "Of course you do, for you have followed my example and remained single."

"But not alone. There is mamma and papa and Joe and the girls, Mr. Browning. Oh, I should not care for solitude nor enjoyment alone."

"You are not so selfish."

"No."

"What?"

"No, Mr. Browning, I am not selfish. And you would be happier if you were not."

Browning looked at her in silent amazement. Then he said:

"I suppose I have given up a lot for my selfishness. It might be nice to have a wife always waiting for me and planning little surprises for my comfort and enjoyment, if she were sweet and nice and charming, like she would be before I married her. And to always have some one to take out with me whenever I—or rather she—care to go. And to entertain my friends as some women can do. And to see great tall boys and gentle girls—my children—growing up about me. But a man must have a lot of nerve to ask a woman to give herself to him alone."

"Not necessarily." Mildred's lips were parted in a smile.

"Her freedom, her childhood home, her name, all girlish pastimes, every bit of—Browning went on, answering his own question.

"She regards it all as a pleasant sacrifice, if she loves the man, Mr. Browning."

"And if she loves the man will she want to do all this if he asks her to?"

"Men are positive and women negative."

"So you advise me to marry?"

"I advise all men to marry."

"Then why are you single, Mildred?"

"I? Oh, I am a woman," and she laughed softly.

Browning watched the gay scene of the ballroom in silence a moment. Then he said:

"Mildred, shall I tell you why I never married?"

The girl buried her face again in the roses.

"Yes," she said.

"Because I never thought you would have me. You were so bright and gay, and ten years younger than I."

Mildred leaned forward until he felt her breath on his cheek. She spoke rapidly, for she saw Mr. Bixby coming to claim a waltz.

"Shall I tell you why I never married, Paul?"

"Yes."

"Because you never asked me."

"Mildred!"

Browning sprang forward from the silken cushions and caught her hand. But she withdrew it hurriedly, and with her face all wreathed in smiles she caught up her flowers and fan and lace handkerchief and said, as she walked away:

"Come to me to-morrow afternoon at three, Mr. Browning."

And a moment later Browning saw her floating through the steps of the St. Louis Waltz.

"Well," said John, triumphantly, "we got him, anyway; dog on him."—Chicago Daily Record.

BY ERNEST M'GAFFREY.

ONE Sunday the folks had started to church early, and John had stayed home to do "chores," in place of the hired man, who had been called away to see a sick brother in the little town of Chicken Bristles. John felt lonesome enough, browsing around the house and looking out over the prairie. A wary chicken hawk sailed high above, but the whistling skurry of a charge of buckshot had made him skeptical about the chances of forage in that vicinity.

John chopped a little wood and fed the mules before he sat down to his solitary dinner. The pigs were remembered, a quantity of hay chopped off the west haystack and some corn "shucked" for night. As the boy looked over toward the Satterfield farm he saw a black speck on a hilltop that caught his eye immediately. "Bet that's Ferris," he said to himself. He went back to the haystack and climbed to a point of vantage to reconnoiter. Sure enough, it was his chum, and he slid to the ground in a burst of joy. In a few minutes Ferris came in on a smart "lope," and John let down the bars for him. Ferris' pony was soon stowed away in an empty stall, with a generous supply of "bluegrass" to munch on, and then the boys began to study up some excitement.

Among the denizens of the prairies there were a number that had local names, and Ferris had listed them off to John during the days they were together. First, there was the badger, only occasionally seen. Long, heavy and sly. Then there was the pouched gopher, the greatest digger of them all, with pockets to carry his family in at a pinch. Then there were the little striped ground squirrels, as Ferris called them, and the prairie gray squirrel, about as big as a timber gray squirrel. All these animals lived in holes in the ground, and the ground squirrels and gray squirrels were in reality gophers. They were thick on the slopes surrounding the farm, and the pouched gophers were exceedingly destructive. Traps, poison, bullets and shot were freely distributed among them at different times by the boys, and Uncle Tom gave ten cents apiece for the big fellows.

The boys drifted out to the edge of the farm and crawled up on the haystack. Toward the river the grass lay in great sheets, waving and rising as the winds blew over. The sun shone and darkened as the cloud currents shifted, and the air glowed in the sun. At last, as they looked out toward the main road, John saw a little gray form sit up in some short grass, and he pointed it out to Ferris. "Gray squirrel," said the latter. "Got a hole there somewhere." "Let's drown him out," suggested John. "All right," responded Ferris. The boys slid to the ground and ran out on the prairie. The prairie gray squirrel tucked his tail in and started for home. He scouted through the grass for a few yards and then dived into a hole on a little rise of ground and disappeared. After locating his retreat the boys lugged a big bucket of water over to the hole and poured it in. Then they waited for the squirrel to put in an appearance. They were armed with sticks apiece and were ready to demolish the object of their solicitude the instant he should put in an appearance. But the gray squirrel evidently did not object in the least to the proceeding.

While they were both engaged in sluicing the squirrel's abode with the second bucketful he suddenly popped out and rushed over to another hole before the pursuers could get their sticks and cut him off. The second hole was a good deal farther away than the first, and the boys were disgusted with his squirrelship. "Let's get the spades and dig him out," said Ferris. "That's what," said John; "we'll get him if we have to go through China for him." "You wait here till I get the spades," he continued, and he went over to the barn and came back with two narrow-bladed spades, such as they used to dig post-holes with on the farm. "Wish we knew just which way the hole run," said Ferris; "we could get right at him, then." "Say," said John, "this may be a long job; I b'lieve I'll go to the house and get some doughnuts and a pitcher of milk." "That's a good scheme," assented his chum, so John trudged off to the house and returned with a big pitcher of milk and about three dozen doughnuts.

After taking a generous drink of milk and bolting a couple of doughnuts apiece the boys grabbed the spades and started vigorously to work. The spades rose and fell and the dirt heap assumed huge proportions. And still the subterranean labyrinth of the gray squirrel lengthened. Ferris finally said: "We could drown him out now with one bucketful." "No, we'll dig him out, now we've started," replied John, sticking his spade into the dirt with renewed determination. It seemed as though the fleeing animal must have struck an old channel or underground gallery, for all at once he appeared to have distanced his would-be captors. They dropped their spades and ran about, looking for a possible exit to the hole he had gone in, but there did not seem to be any, so they returned to their task.

They had taken their coats off, tied up their "galluses" and were perspiring freely. It was a point of honor now—"root hog or die." They must get that squirrel. The soil was sandy and the digging comparatively easy, but the earth would slip from the spades and they were not able to raise much out on the points of their implements. With two working, they threw up a great deal of soil, but they did not seem to be getting very much nearer to the squirrel. At last, however, by herculean efforts they were rewarded by coming across certain gray hairs, which hinted of the close proximity of the game. Thus encouraged, they redoubled their exertions. Finally John put his ear down close and heard the pounding of the squirrel's feet as he dug away to the right in a persistent attempt to get away. "We've got him!" he yelled, excitedly. "He's close by. I heard him digging." So again the boys bent to their work, and by and by John reached in and grabbed the squirrel by the back of his damp neck and hauled him out of the hole. The little animal was in a woe-begone plight. He had lost some of his "plumage" in his tremendous efforts to escape, and the water which the boys had poured into the first hole had drenched him so that he was muddy and sticky. He squirmed ineffectually as John drew him out and tried to bite, but in vain.

The boys were in very little better shape. Dirty, breathless, perspiring, with their backs almost broken by the steady toil, they were almost defeated by the gray squirrel, after all. The squirrel was not much to brag on as game, anyway, and now that they had conquered the question was, what of it? They had forgotten everything except "not to get beat," as they would have put it.

"What'll we do with him?" said John, somewhat apologetically, as he looked at his grimy chum. "He ain't much good," said Ferris, suggestively. "Oh, I reckon we'd better let him